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MR. SMEDLEY: My name is Sully Smedley. My wife Laurie Smedley was here earlier in the day and couldn't get in, so she asked me to read her statement, which I will do. My wife is the mother of four preschool and elementary school-aged children and she's an RN who used to work in an oncology unit, and this is her statement:

1 "I heard in the evening news that the Department of Energy has the public safety for most in mind when considering trucking nuclear waste. However, I read in the Draft EIS that Department of Energy estimates that twenty-nine people will die from cancer as a result of using legal weight trucks. Eleven workers will die and 178 of the general public.

2 "In signing twenty-nine Americans to death through the horrors and pain of cancer does not indicate to me the Department of Energy really is concerned about public safety. Who decides which twenty-nine will die as the Department of Energy estimated how many Americans will suffer the ravages of cancer and not die?" "Has the department figure out how many latent cancer deaths there will be if the future waste is left in storage on-site? Why is it necessary to drag it across the country and put so many Americans at risk?"

3 "I understand that the nuclear waste can be safely stored for one hundred years where it is at. It appears that the Department of Energy is laying their odds on the notion that the geology of Yucca Mountain will not change for thousands of years. Despite statistics and guesses the geology of the earth is certainly changing, does change and it doesn't -- and it doesn't ask man's opinion when it decides to do so.

"Over the last one hundred years, the technology -- technological advances of modern society have been enormous. It is reasonable to assume that technology will continue to advance over the next one hundred years. Why not be prudent and wait for one hundred years rather than sentence twenty-nine Americans to a slow and painful death?

4 "Certainly members of the Department of Energy will look -- can look at other options besides the geologic repository. They're not banned from doing so, especially if it means sparing the life of someone's mother or someone's brother." Thank you.